

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A remote control system comprising:

a remote control apparatus which stores software programs for driving different kinds of devices ~~capable of~~with wireless communication and which recognizes at least one of the devices when at least one of the devices are~~is~~positioned within a set predetermined range from said remote control apparatus.

wherein the remote control apparatus includes a monitor for displaying information of one or more of the devices which are being recognized, ~~and~~a controller for controlling the devices and the monitor, and a controlled device selector for selecting a device to be controlled when two or more of the devices are recognized.

2. (Currently Amended) A remote control system according to

Claim 1, wherein ~~the remote control apparatus further includes a controlled device selector for selecting a device to be controlled when two or more of the devices are to be recognized are displayed on the monitor and at least one of the devices to be controlled is selected with the controlled device selector.~~

3. (Original) A remote control system according to Claim 1, wherein the monitor is built-in in the remote control apparatus.

4. (Original) A remote control system according to Claim 2, wherein the monitor is built-in in the remote control apparatus.

5. (Original) A remote control system according to Claim 1, wherein the monitor is disposed separately from the remote control apparatus, and wherein information is communicated between the remote control apparatus and the monitor by wireless communication.

6. (Original) A remote control system according to Claim 2,

wherein the monitor is disposed separately from the remote control apparatus, and

wherein information is communicated between the remote control apparatus and the monitor by wireless communication.

7. (Original) A remote control system according to Claim 1, further comprising a printer for recording the information of the devices.

8. (Original) A remote control system according to Claim 1, wherein the controller is controlled by a CPU such that the controller provides operational feel corresponding to the device being controlled.

9. (Original) A remote control system according to Claim 2, wherein the controller is controlled by a CPU such that the controller provides operational feel corresponding to the device being controlled.

10. (Original) A remote control system according to Claim 3, wherein the controller is controlled by a CPU such that the controller provides operational feel corresponding to the device being controlled.

11. (Original) A remote control system according to Claim 4, wherein the controller is controlled by a CPU such that the controller provides operational feel corresponding to the device being controlled.

12. (Original) A remote control system according to Claim 5, wherein the controller is controlled by a CPU such that the controller provides operational feel corresponding to the device being controlled.

13. (Original) A remote control system according to Claim 6, wherein the controller is controlled by a CPU such that the controller provides operational feel corresponding to the device being controlled.

14. (Original) A remote control system according to Claim 7, wherein the controller is controlled by a CPU such that the controller provides operational feel corresponding to the device being controlled.

15. (Original) A remote control system according to Claim 8, wherein the controller is a rotation controller having a rotating wheel for operation.

16. (Original) A remote control system according to Claim 9, wherein the controller is a rotation controller having a rotating wheel for operation.

17. (Original) A remote control system according to Claim 10, wherein the controller is a rotation controller having a rotating wheel for operation.

18. (Original) A remote control system according to Claim 11, wherein the controller is a rotation controller having a rotating wheel for operation.

19. (Original) A remote control system according to Claim 12, wherein the controller is a rotation controller having a rotating wheel for operation.

20. (Original) A remote control system according to Claim 13, wherein the controller is a rotation controller having a rotating wheel for operation.

Summary

Claims 1-20 were pending. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended. No new matter is added as a result of this response.

Objection to Claims

Claims 1-20 were objected to as containing the phrase "capable of." Applicant has rewritten the claims to remove the phrase, as required by the Examiner, and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection in the next Office Action.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-3 and 8-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nelson (US 5,710,605) in view of Kemink (US 6,563,430). Applicants have amended Claim 1 and submit that the pending claims overcome the rejections.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, a remote control system that comprises a remote control apparatus that controls different kinds of devices and recognizes when the device(s) is/are within a predetermined range from the remote control apparatus. The remote control apparatus includes a monitor for displaying information of one or more of the devices which are being recognized, a controller for controlling the devices and the monitor, and a controlled device selector for selecting a device to be controlled when two or more of the devices are recognized. Such an arrangement permits one or more devices to be selected and controlled from multiple devices that have been recognized using a single remote control system.

Neither Nelson nor Kemink anticipate or suggest an arrangement in which the remote control apparatus recognizes when device(s) is/are within a predetermined range from the remote control apparatus. Applicant agrees with the Examiner that Nelson does not teach a remote control apparatus that recognizes when device(s) is/are within a predetermined range. Kemink, in turn, teaches an arrangement in which the remote control apparatus

recognizes when an emitter, rather than the device, is within a predetermined range from the remote control apparatus.

In addition, neither Nelson nor Kemink anticipate or suggest an arrangement in which a controlled device selector for selecting a device to be controlled when two or more of the devices are recognized. More specifically, Nelson teaches an arrangement in which a device to be controlled is selected from multiple predetermined devices. However, Nelson does not teach a remote control apparatus having a controlled device selector that, after the remote control apparatus first recognizes that multiple devices are present, selects one (or more) of the devices. Similarly, Kemink does not teach an arrangement in which a device is selected only after it is recognized that multiple devices are present.

For at least these reasons, Claim 1 is patentable over the cited references.

Dependent Claims 2-20 are dependent upon an allowable claim. Thus, the dependent claims are allowable, without more.

In addition, however, at least amended Claim 2 is independently patentable over the cited references. Claim 2 recites that the devices to be recognized are displayed on the monitor and at least one of the devices to be controlled is selected with the controlled device selector. This permits the operator to select one (or more) of the devices using the monitor. Nelson, for example, displays information from a predetermined device on a monitor, rather than the devices recognized. Further, there is no suggestion in either Nelson or Kemink that the monitor may be used when selecting a particular device. Accordingly, at least amended Claim 2 is independently patentable over the cited references.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and arguments above, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action and believes that a telephone interview would be helpful